

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES September 23, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Pope were present.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
 Morgan Smith, County Counsel

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The Tuesday meeting is held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. The Wednesday meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda.

Department Head/staff meetings with the Board of Commissioners are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room and are conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The principal subjects anticipated to be considered are on-going, upcoming, and new matters bearing on County operations. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects not listed within this announcement.

The Board of Commissioners will attend a Mid-Valley Workforce Board meeting on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 7:30 am at the Keizer Civic Center (Iris A Room), 930 Chemawa Rd. NE, Keizer, Oregon 97303.

3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)

Amanda Stephens, 1568 S 7th St., testified on behalf of the AFSCME Local 173 labor union. Ms. Stephens has worked for the County for two and a half years in the Developmental Disabilities department. She has three children and works two jobs to support her family. Over the course of her time here, Ms. Stephens and her colleagues have experienced an increased workload and higher job expectations due to Medicaid reform and additional monitoring requirements. While her workload and job requirements have gone up, Ms. Stephens's personal standards of living have gone down due to the County's "inadequate" cost of living increases. Ms. Stephens testified that although the County has \$3 million in increased funding, she feels "devalued and disrespected" by the County's final cost-of-living increase proposal. Ms. Stephens requested the Board reconsider their proposal and return to deliberations with the union with an "open mind" in an attempt to find a "fair and equitable resolution" that is respectable to the union and shows that the County acknowledges the value of the work that the employees do for the Board and for the County.

Joseph West, 514 NE 80th Ave., Portland testified that he is the Council Representative for AFSCME. Mr. West presented a majority petition from the labor union requesting the Board return to the bargaining table and find a "reasonable settlement that they can feel positive about."

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 9:05 County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations and ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

Although the public is excluded, no vote may be taken in executive session. Written minutes from the meeting are on file in the Board's office, but are confidential under ORS 192.660.

Commissioner Ainsworth called the meeting back into regular session.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO PROCEED AS DISCUSSED.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:26 am.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

(a) HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Appoint Jim Sapienza to the Health Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2017.

(b) BOPTA APPOINTMENT

Appoint Commissioner Wheeler as Chairpersons Pool representative, Commissioner Craig Pope as backup, and Yolanda Zuger and David Lawson as non-office holding representatives to the Board of Property Tax Appeals for 2015-2016.

(c) RATIFICATION OF DSA LABOR AGREEMENT

Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Deputy Sheriff's Association for FY 2015-2017

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Ainsworth, Chair

Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner

Craig Pope, Commissioner

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: September 30, 2015